

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 5, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/001171, filed February 9, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European application No. 03004532.2, filed February 28, 2003, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 5, after the newly added Cross reference to related applications paragraph, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 9, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 4 line 26, as follows:

This object is achieved by the claims ~~a method in accordance with claim 1.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 8 line 33 to page 9 line 13, as follows:

The subject matter of the invention is explained in more detail below in the context of an exemplary embodiment, by reference to figures. ~~These show:~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- Fig. 1        shows a conventional response when a link fails, using BGP inter-domain rerouting,
- Fig. 2        shows a response in accordance with the invention to the failure of a link,
- Fig. 3        shows a flow diagram of the protocol, and
- Fig.4        shows a use of routing arrays for the purpose of taking into account routing strategies.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 9 line 14, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--